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Fiscal Note

HF 714 - Virtual Class Sharing (LSB 1277 HV)
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Description

House File 714 (Virtual Class Sharing) provides an additional weighting for students enrolled in classes taught using the Iowa Communications Network (ICN) video services.

Assumptions

- The weighting is 5.0% (one twentieth) of the student's time spent in the class provided by a community college or another school district over the ICN. No weighting is applied to students taking a distance education course by a means other than ICN video services.
- Students are enrolled in one class for one period of a seven-period school day or 14.3% of the school day.
- In school year 2006-2007, an estimated 3,700 students were enrolled in ICN interactive video classes. Of these, approximately 1,850 were in classes offered by community colleges. An estimated 925 students were in school districts sending the video class; and 925 were in school districts receiving the video classes.
- For schools districts, both the sending and receiving school districts will receive the shared weighting for participating students. For community colleges, only the receiving school districts will receive the weighting.
- The FY 2009 State cost per pupil is \$5,546. The costs will be divided 87.5% State Foundation Aid and 12.5% additional levy property tax. School districts with a district cost per pupil greater than the State cost per pupil will pay the difference with property tax. The difference is not included in this estimate.

Fiscal Impact

Beginning in FY 2009, school districts will receive an additional \$146,000 in Foundation funding. The cost to the General Fund for State Foundation Aid is estimated to be \$128,000, and local property taxes will increase \$18,000. These costs will increase annually by the allowable growth rate and with increased usage.

Sources

Department of Education
Iowa Communications Network

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The fiscal note and correctional impact statement for this bill was prepared pursuant to Joint Rule 17 and pursuant to Section 2.56, Code of Iowa. Data used in developing this fiscal note and correctional impact statement are available from the Fiscal Services Division, Legislative Services Agency to members of the Legislature upon request.
